### WORD OF THE LORD

The Rev. Dr. Talmage Preaches a Sermon of Hone.

HIS TEXT, "THE BATTLE OURS"

Courage His Watchword-More Unity in Religion Than in Science-The Great Trial of Past Centuries.

Sugglay forences Rev. T. De Witt Tslunge preached to a throughd andience in the Brooklyn Tab-ernacie. The keynote of the service was one of gladness. Many of the audience had been absent during the summer and had returned for this service. The pasfor commenced on passages of Scripture deporting the morning of the world's de-liverance. The subject of the sermon was, "The Battle Ours," the text being I Kings xz, 27, "And the children of ernel pitched before them like two little

With 35 kings drunk in one tent this chapter opens. They were allies plotrack You know that if a liou roar a flock of kids will shiver and buildle together. One lion would conquer a thousand kids. The battle opens. There are a great multitude of Syrians under General Ben-halad, strong as lions. The largel-ites are few and weak, like two little flocks of kids. Who best? The lions, of course. Oh, no; the kids, for it all deends whether God is on the side of the one or the kids. After the battle 100, 600 Syrians lay dead on the field, and 27,000, attempting to fly, came along by a great wall, which toppled and crushed

Which was the stronger weapongreat Goliath's sword or little David's alims? David had five smooth stones from the brook. He only used one in striking down Goliath. He had a surplus of ammunition. He had enough to take down four more giants if they had appeared in the way. It all depends upon whether God is on the side of the shepherd boy or on the side of the giant. THE PUBLISHERS AND RELIGION.

There have been many in our day who have ventured the opinion that Christi-anity is falling back, and that in 50 years it will be extinct. They found their opinion on the assumed fact that the Bible is not as much of a book as it used to be, and that portions of it are repulsive to the people. I reply by asking, Which one of the publishing houses of New York, Philadelphia, Boston or Chicago is publishing the Bible today with the omission of a single verse or chapter? Are not our publishers intelligentmen? And would they contrary to their financial interests continue to publish the Bible without the omission of a single chapter or a single verse if it were becomin an unpopular book and the people did

If Harpers or Appleton or Scribner or Lippince it should publish a Bible with the craission of one chapter, they would not sell 10 copies in 10 years. The fact that throughout Christendom there are hundreds of printing presses printing the word of God without the oncisston of a chapter or a verse proves that the Eible is popular, and the fact that ado than any other decade proves that the Bible is increasing in popularity.

I go through the courtrooms of the country. Wherever I find a judge's bench or a clerk's desk I find the bible. By what other book would they take solemn oath? What is very spt to be among the bride's presents? The Bible. What is vergapt to be put in the trunk of the young man when he starts for city life? The libis. Voltaire predicted that the "Bible during the nineteenth century would become an obsolete book. Well, we are pretty nearly through the nine teenth century. The Rible is not obselete yet. There is not much prospect of its becoming obsolete, but I have to tell you that that room—the very room in which Voltaire wrote that prediction some time ago was crowded from floor to ceiling with Bibles for Switzerland. Suppose the congress of the United States should pass a law that no Bibles should be printed in the United States.

If there are 30,000,000 grown men and women in the country, then there would be 20,000,000 people armed against such a law. But suppose the congress of the United States should pass a law that Macaniav's history or Charles Reade's povels should not be read-could you get half as large an army or the fourth as large an army? In other words, there are, as you know and I know, a thousand men who would die for their Bibles where there are 50 men who would die for any other book. The fact that there are now more Bibles being printed than ever before that publishers find it a financial interest for them to continue the Bible, proves that this book is still the most popular book on the planet,

A RECEIPTS OF COMPOSE. "But," say those who are antagonistic, "Christianity is falling back from the fact that the church is not as much respected as it used to be and is not as inforestial." I reply to that with the statistic that one dependention—the Methgiven me by one of their bishops, dedientes on an average a new church every day of the year. Three hundred and many five new churches in one denominotice to a year and over a thousand new churches built every year in this country. I was that look as though the elearch were failing in its power and were becoming a worment institution? Acound which institution in our communities gather the most ardent affectional The post-flice, the hotel, the

courthouse, the city hall or the churches?

Why, when our old Tabernacie was burning there were hundreds of men standing in the streets who never went to churchy tears raining down their places. It is because the church of God. stands nearer the sympathies of the American people than any other matisuccess. More may cariculars the church and call it a collection of hypocrites, but when their children are award off with the dipotheria for whom do they send? To the postmarter, to the affirmer genof the charmines' 4 md if there be not given for the characture to the private by what building to they solicit? The anadenie of music, the hotel, public hall consthemat No: the cityreles, And if they wast music on the sail occasion do tion minet the "Marcellines" byten, or "God steen the Green," or our own grant

national sir? No, they want the old kyam with which we sang their old Christian mother to skep. They wast the Sunday school by mr that their little girl sang the last Sabbath afterns on she was out before she was seized with the awful sickness that broke father - heart and mother's heart. On, you know as well as I do-I shall not dwell on it any onger-the church of God, instead of ng a wormout institution, stands nearer the sympathies of the people than it ever did and eclipses all other institu-

But our autagonists go on and say that Christianity is falling back, in the fact that infidelity is holder now and more blatant than it ever was. I deny the statement. Infidelity is not near so bold now as it was in the days of our fathers and granofathers. There were times in this country when men who were openly and above board infidel and antagonistic to Christianity could be elected to high office. Now, let some man wishing high position in the state proclaim himself the foe of Christianity and an infidel, how many states of the Union would be carry; how many counties; how many wards in Brooklyn?

Ah, my friends, infidelity in this day is not half as bold as it used to be. If it comes now, it is apt to come under the disguise of rhetoric or fantastic sentimentality. I know if a man with creat utelligence does become an infidel and begins an attack on Christianity it makes great excitement,-of course it does, and people come to the conclusion, weakminded Christians come to the conclusion, that everything is going overcoard because some man of strong in

tellect assails Christianity.

If a man jumps overboard from a Cunard steamer, he makes more excitement than all the 500 same passengers who continue in the berths or on the decks, but does that stop the ship? Does that wreck all the 500 passengers? It makes great excitement when a man leaps from a platform or a pulpit into infidelity, but does that hinder our glorious Bible from taking its millions into the skies? I tell you infidelity is not half as bold now as it used to be.

DIVERSITY OF SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT. Do you suppose such things could be enacted now as were enacted in the days of Robespierre, when a shameless wom-an was elected to be goddess, and she was carried on a golden chair to a cathedral, and the people bowed down to her as a divine being and burned incense before her-she to take the place of the Bible, and of Christianity, and of the Lord Almighty? And while that ceremony was going on in the cathedral. in the chapels and in the corridors adjoining the cathedral scenes of drunkenness and debauchery and obscenity were enacted such as the world had never seen. Could such a thing as that transpire now? No, sir. The police would swoop on it, whether in Paris or New York. Infidelity is not half as bold now as it used to be

"But," say our antagonists, "Christi-anity is falling back because science, its chief enemy, is triumphing over it." Now, I deny that there is any war between science and revelation. There is not a fact in science that may not be made to harmonize with the statements of the Bible. So said Hugh Miller; so said Joseph Henry; so said Professor Hitchcock; so said Professor Silliman; so said Professor Mitchell.

Joseph Henry, the leading scientist of the royal societies transatlantic than any other American, lived and died a believer in the religion of Josus Christ, Joseph Henry knew all the facts of geology and yet believed the book of Gene-He knew all the facts of astronomy and yet believed the book of Joshua, the san and moon standing still. Joseph Henry knew all the anatomy of man and fish and yet believed the book of Jonah

If the scientists of the day were all greed, and they came up with solid front to attack our Christianity, perhaps they might make some impression upon it, but they are not agreed. It is often said that we religionists are failing in our advocacy of Christianity because we differ in our theology. I tell you we do not differ inside the church in theology saif as much as they differ outside the church in science. If they reject our religion because we differ on some minor points, we might just as well reject cience because the scientists differ, but as far as I can tell the war of infidel science against Christianity is not so severe as it used to be, because these men are antagonistic to each other, and as far as I can tell it is going to be a war between telescope and telescope, Leyden far and Levden far, chemical apparatus and chemical apparatus. They do not

agree on anything. Do you suppose that this Bible theory about the origin of life is going to be overthrown by men who have different theories 50 different theories about the origin of life? And when Agassiz comes mt and puts both feet on the doctrine of evolution and says in regard to many scientists, "I notice that these young naturalists are adopting as theories in science things which have not passed nucler observation," Agassiz saw what we all see-that there are men who talk very wisely who know but very little, and that just as soon as a young scientist finds out the difference between the feelers of a wasp and the horns of a beetle he begins to patronise the Almighty and go about talking about eniture as though it were spelled o-u-l-

char-culchar! It makes me sick to see these literary fops going down the street with a copy of Durwin under one arm and a case of transfixed grasshoppers and butterflies under the other arm, talking about the "Survival of the Fittest," and Huxley's "Protoplasm." and the "Nebular Hypothesis," and talking to us common en as though we were fooled if they agreed in their theories and came up with solid facts against Christianity, I say perhaps they might make some impression, but they do not agree. Darwin charges upon Lamerck, Wallace upon Cops. Herschel svon charged upon Forguson. They do not agree about the gradation of the species; they do not agree about embryology. What do they

Horsehol prote a whole chapter on shat he calls "Errors In Astronomy," La Place says that the shoots was not put in the right place; that if it lend been put four times the distance from our world there would have been more burmony in the universe. But Limville comes up fost in fine to prove that the Lord was wise and put the moon in the right place. How many colors woven into the light Seven, says Newton. Throe, says David Brewster. How high is the amores because? Two and a half

miles high, says Lina. One inneited and sixty-free sales, says Turing? How far is the sim from the earth? Seventy-six million unites, says Lucaillet 82,000,000 miles, says Humboldt; 90,000,000 miles, says Henderson; 104,000,000 miles, says Mayor. Only a little difference of 28,000,000 miles! These men say we do not agree in religion. Do they agree in science? Have they come up with solid front to assault our glorious Christian-

ity?

Even mathematicians do not agree. Taylor's logarithms are found to have faults in them. The French metric system has wrong calculations. Talk about exact accepted They are inexact. As far as with my little knowledge I have been able to explore, the only exact science is Christianity. There is nothing under which you can so approprintely write, "Quod erat demonstran-

"Gentlemen of the jury, have you greed upon your verdict?" the court or the clerk says to the jury, having been out all night, on coming in. "Have you agreed on your verdict?" If they say yes, the verdict is taken and recorded. If they say, "No, we have not agreed," they are sent back to the jury room. If one juryman should say, "I think the man is guilty of murder," and another juryman should say, "I think he is guilty of mansiaughter, and another juryman should say, "I think be is guilty of assault and battery with intent to kill," the judge would lose his patience and may, "Go back to your room now and make up a verdict. Agree on some-

Well, my friends, there has been a great trial going on for centuries and for ages between Skepticism, the plaintiff, versus Christianity, the defendant. The scientists have been impaneled and sworn on the jury. They have been gone for conturnes, some of them, and they come back, and we say. "Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a ver-dict? They say, "No, we have not agreed." Then we say, "Go back for a few more centuries and then come in and see if you can agree, see if you can render some verdict." Now, there is not the meanest prisoner in the Tombs court who would be condemned by a jury that could not agree, and yet you expect us to renounce our glorious Christianity for such a miserable verdict as these men have rendered, they themselves not having been able to agree.

A WEAR BOMBARDMENT. But my subject shall no longer be de-fensive; it must be aggressive. I must show you that instead of Christianity falling back it is on the march, and that the coming religion of the world is to be the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ 10,000 times intensified. It is to take possession of everything—of all laws, all manners, all customs, all cities, all nations. It is going to be so mighty as compared with what it has been, so much more mighty that it will seem almost like a new religion.

I adopt this theory because Christian-ity has gone on straight ahead notwith-standing all the bombardment, and infidelity has not destroyed a church, or crippled a minister, or rooted out one verse of the Bible, and now their ammunition seems to be pretty much ex-hausted. They cannot get anything new against Christianity, and if Christianity has gone on under the bombardment of centuries and still continues to advance may we not conclude that, as the powder and shot of the other side seem to be ex-America, better known and honored in hausted, Christianity is going on with

more rapid stride? I find an encouraging fact in the thought that the secular press in this day and the pulpit seem harnessed in the same team for the proclamation of the gospel. Tomorrow there will not be a banker on Wall street or State street or Third street who will not have in his pocket or on his table treatises on Christianity, calls to repentance and Scripture passages, 20 or 30 of them, in the reports of the Christian churches of this city and other cities. Why, that thing would have been impossible a few years ago. Now on Monday morning and Monday evening the secular spreads abroad more religious truth than all the tract societies of the country spread in the other six days. Blessed the tract societies! We hall them, and we hall these others.

I say it would have been impossible a few years ago. Hundreds of letters would have come to the secular newspaper offices, saying, "Stop my paper; we have religion on Sunday; don't give us any through the week. Stop my paper." But I have been told that many of the secular papers have their largest circulation on Monday morning, and the whole population of this country are be-coming sermon readers. Besides that, have you not noticed the papers proclaiming themselves secular almost every week have religious discussions in them?

Go back a few years when there was not a decent paper in the United States; that had not a discussion on the doctrine of eternal punishment. Small wits made merry, I know, but there was not an intelligent man in the United States that as a result of that controversy in regard to eternal punishment did not ask himself the question, "What is to be my eternal destiny?" And some years ago when Tyndall offered his prayer gauge there was not a secular paper in the United States that did not discuss the

question: "Item God ever answer prayer? May the creature impress the Creator?" Are not all these facts encouraging to every Christian and every philanthropist? Besides that, the rising generation are being saturated with gospel truth as no other generation by this international series of Sunday school lessons. Formerly the children were expected only to nibile at the little infantile Scripture stories. but now they are taken from Genesis to Revelation, the strongest minds of the country explaining the lessons to the teachers, and the teachers explaining them to the classes, and we are going to have in this country 5,000,000 youth forestalled for Christianity. Hear at! Hear

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you have talked on these great themes, that they are finding out that while science is grand in secular directions worldly philosophy grand in secular directions, they cannot give any comfort to a soul in trouble.

COMPOST IN THE COMPOS Talking with men on steamboats and in rail cars, I find they are coming back to the comfort of the gospel. They say, "Somehow human science doesn't comfort me when I have any trouble, and I must try something else." And they are trying the gospel.

Take your scientific consolation to that mother who has just lost her child. Apply the doctrine of the "survival of the fittest." Tell her that her child died because its life was not worth as much as the life of one that lived. Try that if you dare. Go to that dying man with your transcendental phraseology and tell him he ought to have confidence in the great "to be," and the everlasting "now." and the eternal "what is it?" and go on with your consolation and see if he is comforted.

Go to that woman who has lost her husband and tell her it was a geological necessity that that man passed out of existence, just as the megatherium disappeared in order to make room for a higher style of creation, and go on with your consolation and tell her that there is a possibility that 10,000,000 years from now we ourselves may be geological specimens on the geological shelf, petrified specimens of the extinct human

And after you have got all through with your consolation, if the poor atflicted soul is not utterly crazed, I will send out the plainest Christian from my church, and with one half hour of prayer and the reading of Scripture promises the tears will be staid, and the consclation and the joy in that house will be like the calmness of an Indian summer sunset. There will be a glory flooding the house from floor to cupola. Oh, peo-ple are finding out themselves—and they all have troubles—they find that philosophy and science do not help them when there is a dead babe in the house. They are coming back to our glorious old fash

ioned sympathetic religion.

Oh, young man, do not be ashamed to be found on the side of the Bible. Do not join those young men who in this day put their thumb in their vest and swagger about the street and the stores talking about the glorious nineteenth contury, about its light being sufficient without any Bible and without any Christ and without any God. The time is coming-we may not live to see it, but I should not be surprised if we did see it-when this whole country is to be one great church, the forests the aisles. the Allegheny and the Rocky mountains the pillars, the chain of inland lakes the baptistries, and the worship the halleluiah chorus to him who was and is and shall be evermore. Ob, come over to the majority-come under the banner of

Vernon was the son of an English squire. He was brought up in great elegance. There was a man working on the place of the name of Ralph. Vernon used to often talk with Ralph. After awhile Vernon went off to college and came back with his mind full of skepticism. He talked his skepticism to Ralph the workman. After awhile Verne went from home again, was gone for years, came back, and among his first questions when getting home was, "Where is Ralph?" "Oh!" said the fa ther, "Ralph is in prison waiting for the day of execution."

Vernon hastened to see Ralph. Ralph, looking through the wicket of the pris on, said: "Vernon, how good you are to come and see met I am glad to see you. I hardly expected you would come and see me. I don't blame you; I don't blame anybody; I only blame myself; but, Vernon, I want you to promise me one thing. Will you?" Vernon replied, "I will." "I want you to promise me never to talk skepticism in the presence of any-When you used to say there was nothing in the Bible, and it didn't make any differrance how we lived, we would come out happy at the last, somehow it had a bad influence upon me, and I went from bad to worse until I am here, and I must die for my crimes."

By almost enperhuman effort the sentence was changed, and he was to be transported to another country for life. The ship going there was wrecked on Van Diemen's Land. Among those who periahed was Ralph, the victim of Vernon's ekspticism. Vernon tells the story today with tears and a broken beart, but it is too late! Oh, do not talk skeptic do not talk skapticism! Let God be true, though every man be found a liar.

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